

## **Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development**

### **Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2015**

**Present: Angela Olszewski- Chair Presiding, Roly Chaput, Paul Dredge, Tom Davison, Bob Bowes, Bob Radochia, William Lyons and Ted Peluso**

**1- The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM.**

**2- Acceptance of last meeting minutes was tabled.**

**3- Treasurer reported \$2040 net at present, of which approximately \$1400 is related to Arlington Alive activities.**

**4- Updates:**

**(a)- A full discussion on the Visitors Center (VC) activities was held with particular emphasis on Town Day events. The Hardy Boys Group performed; there were art exhibits by two artists, George Jovellas and Mary Hilt; many visitors stopped by and overall the VC fulfilled its highest expectations.**

**(b)- The Battle Road Scenic Byway initiative continues to proceed.**

**(c)- The Arlington International Film Festival (AIFF) Kick-off celebration was held at Town Hall with ATED as a Sponsor. It was well-attended and included exceptional performances by an Armenian Dance Group. Ted Peluso is to follow up with AIFF concerning ATED's presence with Town promotional materials at the Festival in October.**

**5 – The status of possible grant applications to the Arlington Cultural Council was discussed. ATED will not be seeking funds specifically related to the Visitors**

Center. However, grant funds may be sought for other promotional activities, including for Arlington Alive.

6 – A preliminary ATED budget discussion was held. Some discussion was included concerning fund-raising efforts and outreach to the Town business community. When Allan Tosti visited the VC on Town Day, he mentioned that a comprehensive report on ATED's activities for the year would be most helpful for budget request purposes.

7 – Clarissa Rowe has stepped down from ATED Committee membership in view of her other immediate Town activities involvements. That led to a discussion of the prospective composition of the ATED Committee structure and planned activities, including further coordination with the Town's Economic Development Planner. A group comprised of Roly Chaput, Joe Curro and Ted Peluso was appointed to review matters related to these issues and will be reporting to ATED at its next meeting.

8 – A discussion about 2016's Arlington Alive Celebration was had and Tom Davison mentioned that the third week in June, 2016 has been tentatively chosen for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.